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## **POSTMUS KICKS OFF HIGH DESERT ROAD SIGN PROJECT**

PINON HILLS--San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Bill Postmus today announced and launched his High Desert Sign Project. The announcement came with the placement of the first sign at the intersection of Beekley and Quail roads in Piñon Hills. Postmus was joined by individuals and representatives of various agencies who have made the program possible.

The implementation of the first phase of the project, proposed and developed by Postmus, will place hundreds of signs designating road and street names on county maintained and non-maintained roads in the communities of Phelan, Piñon Hills, Wrightwood, West Cajon Valley, Summit Valley, Lucerne Valley, Baldy Mesa, Oak Hills and the Harvard area.

"The primary purpose of this sign project is to improve public safety," Postmus said. "This project is in response to a request for help from the County Fire Department in identifying non-maintained roads. County fire has long had a problem with losing valuable life-saving minutes because of the lack of consistent and recognizable signs on non-maintained roads. There was no consistency in signage and when fire crews come from other areas they're often not familiar with local street names."

Postmus added that at night it is often difficult for emergency crews to differentiate between driveways and non-maintained roads.

The first phase of the project will place 550 signs in areas the Fire Department has had the greatest difficulty locating during emergency calls. The Fire Department worked closely with the County Department of Transportation and the Road Department in developing the design and placement of the signs.

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## SIGN PROGRAM

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Signs on non-maintained roads will be white, in contrast to the green signs used for county maintained roads.

The signs will be installed by a combination of on-duty crews, work parties from San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters Local 935, Fire Explorers and partnerships with local civic organizations.

Postmus thanked Fire Captain Jim Wilkins for being instrumental in organizing the sign program. "Without Captain Wilkins' hard work and leadership in this effort, we wouldn't be here today putting signs in the ground," Postmus said.

Postmus said the benefits of the Sign Project are numerous, including:

- Improving the ability of firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement personnel to reach a victim of a fire or accident;
- Allowing mutual aid firefighters and law enforcement to better find their way during a major incident, such as a wildfire;
- Allowing residents greater ability to read street names, day or night; and
- Allowing other service providers, such as repairmen, utilities, UPS, FEDEX, etc, to be better able to find their customers without getting lost.

Funding for the program will initially be provided by Postmus' Policy Priority Needs Budget, the County Public Works Department, and federal Community Development Block Grants.